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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/783,405; Filed: February 15, 2001  
For: **System and Method for Suppressing Silence in Voice Traffic Over an  
Asynchronous Communication Medium**  
Inventors: Gummalla *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.0430001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (in duplicate);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
3. Declaration for Patent Application executed by the inventors;
4. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
5. Our check number 32348 for \$1,022.00 to cover: \$710.00 filing fee; \$110.00 extension of time fee; \$72.00 fee for extra claims over 20; and \$130.00 surcharge for late filing of Declaration (37 C.F.R. § 1.16) and

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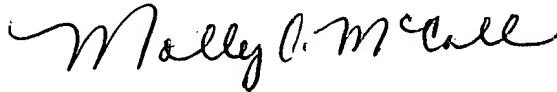
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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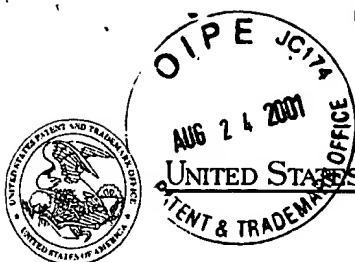
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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$72.  
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- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 912.**

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